

## ORALS SQUAD PREFERS CHARGE AGAINST OFFICER

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**ARREST IS MADE BY SWEET**  
Accused Officer Suspended by Chief  
Werner Pending Outcome of Case.  
Four Women Inmates Charged  
With Disorderly Conduct.

Mounted Officer D. W. Duling, twenty-seven years old, of the First District, was arrested yesterday afternoon on the charge of disorderly conduct after he refused to leave a house of questionable character at 2810 Mill Road, near Oakwood Cemetery, which was being raided by Patrolmen Sweet and Frayser. The officer's arrest occurred a short time after the raid, the warrant being sworn out by Patrolman Sweet when he reached the First District Station with four other people caught in the house. Duling was bailed for his appearance in the Police Court this morning, and was summarily suspended by Chief of Police Werner, pending the outcome of the case. It is not known whether an investigation into the matter will be conducted. The house, which was raided about 4 o'clock, had been under surveillance for some time, complaints having been made against it by Major Werner.

## AY THEY SAW DULING JUMP OVER BACK FENCE

Patrolmen Sweet and Frayser went to the house yesterday afternoon, and after approaching the front door, he had little difficulty entering the place. While Frayser stationed himself at the rear door, according to the raiding party, Duling fled from the house through the rear door, and jumped over the back fence.

The policemen arrested Minnie Hope, thirty-two years old, on the charge of disorderly conduct, and a woman named Sadie Moody, twenty-three years old, and H. J. Tubbs, twenty-three years old, on the charge of disorderly conduct. They were bailed for their appearance in the Police Court this morning.

Duling, who is a mounted officer, is reported to have been in the house at the time of the raid. Following his arrest, the matter was reported at once to Captain C. A. Sherry, of the First District, and to Major Werner. He was not caught in the house, but the arresting officers asserted that they were sure of his identity and that he was the officer in uniform they saw run from the house.

## MR. AND MRS. BRAGG HELD UNDER ANTINARCOTIC ACT

Arrested by Federal Officers for Alleged Violation of Law Governing Handling of Drugs.

On a warrant sworn to by Revenue Agent S. R. Braine, A. R. Bragg and Mrs. Bessie Vandergriff Bragg, proprietors of the Maternity Hospital at 100 East Cary Street, were arrested yesterday morning on a charge of violating the Harrison antinarcotic act, and their hearing before United States Commissioner Melvin Engleheim was postponed until March 8. Each was bailed in the sum of \$500. Mrs. Vandergriff, mother of Mrs. Bragg, giving the required surety.

The hearing was postponed on account of the illness of Mrs. Bragg, her physician stating that she was unable to appear. She is being treated for a drug habit. Bragg was arrested in her room in the rear of the building in an asylum by United States Marshal J. G. Saunders, who found her ill in bed.

## OPENS REVIVAL

Rev. Richard Orme Flinn Begins Ten-Day Series of Meetings at Grace Covenant.

Rev. Richard Orme Flinn, D. D., of Hartford, Conn., opened a ten days' series of revival services at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church last night with a large crowd in attendance. The text of the sermon was "I am come that they might have life." The service was held at 8 o'clock in the morning and at 8 o'clock in the evening.

## GAMBLING ALLEGED

Three Arrested When Police Raid Sixth Street House, Where They Said "Poker" Was Played.

John Washington, thirty-three years old, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Sergeant W. E. Maynard and Patrolmen Harris and Holt on the charge of conducting a gambling game at 22 North Sixth Street. He was bailed for his appearance in the Police Court this morning.

The place is said to have been raided by the police for some time. Officers also arrested George H. May, and Dolly Minnis, both colored, in place when it was raided. They were charged with being disorderly in the house.

## Home Wagon Mudbound.

The home of Joseph Barksdale, at 4015 Lawson Street, South Richmond, was slightly damaged by fire yesterday morning about 10 o'clock.

The building, which is a frame structure, caught fire through a defective flue. Engine Company No. 13 and 17 and Truck No. 5 responded, and quickly extinguished the flames. One of the two wagons became stuck in the mud and was unable to reach the house.

## Board Won't Buy Stamps for Liquor

Tells Peters It Will Take Court Order to Enforce Ruling.

All prescriptions for whiskey given to patients in the Virginia Hospital, Pine Camp Hospital and City Home must bear a 5-cent State revenue stamp, according to a ruling announced yesterday by Commissioner of Prohibition Peters, which was in response to a request from Chairman Hirschberg, of the Administrative Board. The board once decided that the stamps would not comply with this interpretation of the prohibition act, unless directed to do so by a court of competent jurisdiction. Commissioner Peters was advised to this effect in a letter which was sent him by special messenger.

Commissioner Peters wrote: "Under decision of the Attorney-General of Virginia, the City Home is required to take out a license to buy, store and use ardent spirits and to dispense the same only upon a prescription by a regular physician. Statute requires that these shall be in duplicate, and that one of them must contain a 5-cent Virginia State revenue stamp. I regret that I have no discretion under the law by which I may rescind the plain statute." He sent to the board a copy of the Attorney-General's opinion.

On motion of Commissioner Peters, the board adopted a resolution directing its chief clerk, W. W. Dunford, to notify Mr. Peters that the board would not comply with his demand.

Mr. Peters of the board's action in the following language: "I am directed by the Administrative Board to notify you that the board has no funds to purchase stamps for liquor prescribed in public institutions, and that the said board will not purchase such stamps for use in the City Home and the Pine Camp Hospital, which are institutions under the jurisdiction of the board, as the board is not authorized to do so."

## MORE THAN \$1,000 RAISED FOR FRENCH AMBULANCE

The Appeal Made by Cyril Maude, at Woman's Club, Meets With Prompt Response.

As a result of the appeal for an ambulance for the American Hospital in Paris made by Cyril Maude at the close of his reading before the Woman's Club at the time of his visit to Richmond a month ago, more than \$1,000 has already been collected for that purpose by the War Relief Association of Virginia. An ambulance for use at the battlefield is said to cost \$500. Mrs. J. Allison Hodges is chairman of the hospital supplies section of the association.

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## INDORSES SURVEY

South Richmond Democratic Club Joins in Approving Inquiry Into Municipal Methods.

Resolutions favoring the proposed survey were adopted last night at a special meeting of the South Richmond Democratic Club. The meeting was held in the courtroom of the Hustings Court, Part II, and was attended by a capacity crowd, among which were prominent members of the Ward delegation in the City Council. The resolution in the resolution to support the survey.

## NOT MENINGITIS

Investigation of Cattle Disease in Louisa County by Dr. Fernerhough Affirms Alarms.

What was feared to be meningitis in the herd of cattle belonging to the Louisa County farmer has proved to be stomach trouble. Dr. Fernerhough, of Fernerhough, the State Veterinarian, yesterday after he had returned from making post-mortem examination of the animal, declared that the disease was not contagious. Most of the cattle recovered after simple treatment.

## Charged With Embezzlement.

John W. Faircloth, a clerk in the post office at City Point, has been arrested by Assistant United States Deputy Marshal Harrison on a charge of embezzlement and is under \$200 Waddell, Jr., of the United States District Court in the April term. Faircloth was taken before United States Commissioner Bartlett Roper, Jr., in Petersburg, and was bailed on his own recognizance.

## Accused of Liquor Charge.

Saw, Pat, a colored man, arrested on the charge of illegally transporting ardent spirits, was dismissed yesterday in the Police Court when he told Justice John North Carolina that he was en route to Baltimore to attend his father's funeral. The man was arrested at Elba Station while alighting from a train from Baltimore. The officers making the arrest requested that the negro be discharged.

## Wins Big Judgment.

Judgment of \$1,100 was entered yesterday in the Law and Equity Court in the case of the Patapsco Grain Company against George B. Bailey.

## MYSTERY SHROUDS DEATH OF ELBERT E. EVANS

Seventeen-Year-Old Richmond Boy Found in Box Car With Fractured Skull.

**TWO COMPANIONS ARE HELD**  
Police Detain Albert Jeffries and Charles Japer on Trespassing Charge, and Will Put Them Through Rigid Examination.

Mystery shrouds the death of Elbert E. Evans, seventeen years old, of 14 South Laurel Street, who died yesterday afternoon in a box car in a Chesapeake and Ohio freight train a short distance from Richmond. The body was brought to Richmond last night and delivered to the boy's father, William P. Evans. Detective Sergeant Willy, of headquarters, and Corporal W. H. Taylor started an investigation which will be continued today to determine the cause of his death.

Examination of the body at a local undertaker's establishment last night by Coroner Taylor disclosed the fact that the boy's skull had been fractured. Albert Jeffries and Charles Japer, two men in the box car at the time of his death, who, with him, were "beating" their way to Richmond, were held in the Henrico County Jail last night and will be closely questioned today by Sergeant Willy and Coroner Taylor.

## WAS RETURNING HOME

Young Evans was said to be returning home from school. He was found in a box car on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, where he had been for several days, after returning to the United States from Europe, where he had gone on a cattle boat. He had written his parents according to the Circuit Court of Greenwell County on January 19, 1914.

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## CONFEDERATE MUSEUM RECEIVES OLD RELICS

Gets Samples of Homespun Cloth, Woven in War Days, and Colored With Domestic Dyes.

Samples of homespun cloth, woven in the South during the War Between the States and colored by domestic dyes, have been received from Mrs. Fields, of Dallas, Texas, by the Confederate Memorial Literary Society. The collection is framed, and will be hung in the Reading Room of the Confederate Museum.

The society has received also a white homespun used at school by Sam Davis, an Alabama boy, who died in 1864. The name in his own handwriting appears in two places on the spread. It was sent to the museum by a sister of Sam Davis, Mrs. R. O. Winstead, of Smyrna, Tenn.

Among the other recent gifts are an original edition of "What I Did With My Fifty Millions," printed in 1874; a collection of letters, signed by Confederate generals and civil officers, collected during the war by Edward Jenkins, of Baltimore, and a water-pitcher, carved during the war from a solid block of wood by a man too old to be a soldier.

Mrs. Mary Louise Phelan, 2245 R Street, Sheridan Circle, Washington, D. C., has been received to membership in the society.

## EGGS DROP AGAIN

Wholesale Quotation Yesterday Was 30 Cents a Dozen, Against 40 Cents Five Days Ago.

For the fourth consecutive day the wholesale quotations on eggs have been on the downward scale. The decline yesterday was 3 cents a dozen in crate lots, bringing the wholesale price down to 30 cents a dozen. On Friday of next week the wholesale price was 40 cents, making a drop of 10 cents in five days.

Other foods continued around the Union City market with the exception of potatoes and cabbage, both of which dropped slightly. Irish potatoes were quoted yesterday at \$5.50 a barrel for Florida second crop and \$6.00 for a good stock of the latter variety was quoted at \$7.50 the previous day. Florida cabbage was on the market yesterday at \$6 a crate. On the previous day it was quoted at \$8.

While eggs have come down swiftly in the past few days, the prices are far above this time last year, when the same quality was offered at 20 cents a crate. The recent slump is attributed to heavy shipments, and further drops are predicted.

## Big Increase in Clearings.

Bank clearings for the month of February were far in excess of the corresponding month of last year. The clearings, according to a statement of the Richmond Clearing-House Association, amounted to \$18,553, as compared with \$14,195,178 in February, 1916, or a gain of \$22,658,115. February is usually the poorest banking month of the year, and the showing is in keeping with the big advance noted each month.

## Petition in Bankruptcy.

L. D. Cressy, a physician, filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy yesterday in the United States District Court, giving his liabilities as being \$2,347.21, and his assets as nothing.

## "Pool" Operator Fined \$20.

E. Nuellli was fined \$20 by Justice John Crutcheff in the Police Court yesterday on the charge of operating a gambling game known as "pool" at 137 James Street. Earl Perkins and Fleming Flusher, colored, caught in the place, were fined \$5 for gambling.

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## Convict, Aged 19, May Get Liberty

Judge Scott Wants to Know How Young Hobbs Comes to Wear Stripes.

Judge R. Carter Scott expressed amazement yesterday in the City Circuit Court when a handsome, nineteen-year-old boy was brought before him for sentence on the charge of having escaped from the State road forces. The young convict, who appeared with twenty-nine other men who wore prison stripes, told the court that he had been for the past three years in the State Penitentiary. He escaped from the road force and was recaptured, he said, and following his return again eluded his guard. After remaining free for several months, according to his story, he voluntarily returned to the penitentiary to finish serving his term of five years.

Judge Scott did not resent him, but continued his case with a view of investigating the matter to find out how a boy sixteen years old could be sent to the penitentiary.

"That boy has no business in a place like the penitentiary," remarked Judge Scott to Superintendent Wood, "and he should be taken out."

The prisoner is Convict 12102. He entered the silent house on Oregon Hill, he was known as Daniel C. Hobbs. He was indicted with Richard Corner, in Greensville County, on two charges of housebreaking, committed in Powell Magisterial District. In one case he was charged with breaking into a schoolhouse and stealing books valued at \$10, and in the other with robbing a general store of merchandise valued at \$15. He pleaded guilty in both cases and was sentenced to serve two years for one offense and three years for the other. Sentences were pronounced in the Circuit Court of Greensville County on January 19, 1914.

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## MANY JOIN COLORS IN MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Richmond Recruiting Officers Report Greatest Success in History of City.

## NINETY-FIVE ROOKIES ENLIST

Ex-Militiamen Just Mustered Out of Service Form Largest Class Among Recruits Signed for New Terms of Enlistment.

Although recruiting officers in all branches of the service reject the suggestion that the threat of war with Germany has had anything to do with it, they unite in pronouncing February one of the best months for enlistments in all the years of their service in Richmond. A total of ninety-five rookies for army, navy and marine corps were sent to training stations from the local offices in the past month.

Ex-militiamen were the largest single class of recruits. In addition to those already enlisted, the army station has the highest number of new members of the Second Regiment, fled while the men were waiting to be discharged. They were mustered out yesterday, and it is expected that they will be back in uniform as regulars in a few days. A far greater number of Second Regiment men of First Regiment men made inquiries concerning army and navy service, say the recruiting officers.

With MARINE CORPS. The marine corps station sent forward twenty-three recruits. Three of these were from Richmond, and the remainder were from substations in Danville and Roanoke, and in Winston-Salem, Charlotte, Durham and Raleigh, N. C. The marine corps is practically full again, in spite of the increase in authorized strength made recently by Congress. Of the 14,981 men called for in 1916, 12,616 are in uniform, and it is estimated that the present rate of enlistment will all the ranks will be filled by July.

The army station, drawing recruits one for the Eastern part of Virginia, accepted thirty and rejected sixty-five applicants for February is twenty-two. With a total of sixty-two recruits for the month, the navy station has a safe lead over the other branches of the service. Of those received, Richmond supplied twenty-one, the largest number in many months. The others came from substations in the State, and one of them from North Carolina. The district of which Richmond is the headquarters is the largest of the North Carolina territory on February 15, and now includes only the State of Virginia.

Largely responsible for the good showing of the Richmond naval recruiting station, in the opinion of the officers in charge, is the activity of the publicly hired recruiting agent, who has been in the city for several weeks, calling their attention to the need of the navy for recruits and the advantages it offers them.

Among the recruits received at the navy station last month was H. C. Jenkins, who resided at the time of his enlistment at the navy station, and who had been in the service a few months before. Jenkins is a former member of the navy, having served in the navy during the war, and he took part in the dash of the destroyer flotilla to rescue the sinking of the battleship, and at the time of that vessel's spectacular raid on allied shipping in American waters last October.

S. O. S. calls from the sinking merchant vessel were received at Newport about noon, according to Jenkins, and in ten minutes fifteen of the torpedo-boats were under way, going to the rescue. More than half of the members of the crews were ashore on leave, and were left behind. Steaming out about 100 miles, the flotilla arrived at 8 in the morning, and the sinking of the battleship was reported. Jenkins was one of the destroyers which scouted the seas for several days afterward, looking for other disabled merchantmen.

Accused of Stealing Honeys. George Hackett, colored, was arrested by United States Agent M. J. Angle, of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, and Patrolman Rector on the charge of breaking into a freight car in the Pullman yards, and stealing thirteen bottles of honey. The honey was in the car en route from Kentucky to New Jersey. Railroad detectives have been investigating similar robberies of freight cars, from which whiskey was stolen for several weeks.

Three More New Citizens. Admirers of the United States and of the republican form of government continue to apply for citizenship papers, there having been three applicants in the United States District Court yesterday. A German, a Russian and an Italian forewore original allegiance and took the preliminary steps for becoming American citizens.

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